(c) The allocation of foodgrains under TPDS is not demand-based. It is made on the basis of number of families identified by each State/UT subject to the population estimates of the Planning Commission as on 01.03.2000. The present scale of allocation is 35 kg per family per month for each category *viz.* Above Poverty Line (APL), Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY).

The allocation under Welfare Schemes is made by different nodal Ministries according to number of eligible beneficiaries identified by each State/UT as per the guidelines for each Welfare Scheme.

Statement

Allocation of rice and wheat under various Welfare Schemes during 2001-02 to 2003-04.

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Sl. No.	States	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04	
		Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat
1.	Uttar Pradesh	414.78	600.61	385.70	1145.47	468.09	1114.12
2.	Madhya Pradesh	212.88	704.38	316.45	752.13	254.23	892.46
3.	Rajasthan	0.00	1336.72	0.47	2280.09	0.48	1805.04
4.	Bihar	37540	369.71	375.34	273.32	533.64	234.92
5.	Jharkhand	136.95	61.85	183.07	100.57	275.74	97.40
6.	Chhattisgarh	371.56	5.70	560.66	31.46	443.13	56.48
T.	Orissa	452.73	44.36	922.11	37.30	1030.66	0.00
8.	Assam	440.42	8.45	464.47	0.00	507.33	0.00
9.	Arunanchal Pradesh	11.33	0.57	11.63	0.19	37.39	2.24
10.	Manipur	16.76	1.03	18.84	0.00	29.75	0.00
11.	Meghaiaya	24.54	1.11	40.73	045	39.45	1.81
12.	Mizoram	10.20	1.32	13.57	9.11	15.57	8.80
13.	Nagaland	9.97	2.26	11.23	7.50	25.49	9.40
14.	Tripura	46.91	1.96	68.16	0.00	68.40	0.00
	TOTAL:	2524.43	3140.03	3372.43	4637.59	3729.35	4222.67

Starvation deaths

887. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that at least 20 starvation deaths occured among the Saharia tribes in Rajasthan;

(b) whether starvation deaths have also been reported from other States, especially Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Central aid sought and given to each State to avert such situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir. No starvation death has been reported by Rajasthan Government among the Saharia tribes in Rajasthan.

(b) No starvation death have also been reported by Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra government in their State.

(c) Does not arise.

Private traders in food management

888. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow private traders in the food management when the toodgrain stocks exceed the buffer requirements;

(b) the details of Government's policy on the private participation in food management; and

(c) the details regarding the stocks of rice and wheat in the Central pool during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) As per present policy of the Government foodgrains trade is free in the country and there is no restriction on the private sector to engage in procurement of foodgrains. All controls on licensing, stock limits and movement restrictions on foodgrains have been removed by the Government *vide* a Central Order issued on 15.02.2002.

(c) The stock position of rice and wheat in the centre pool during the last three years as on 1st November were as under:—